

## Matriculation for the Class of 2029

We are excited about your student Matriculating on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Below is everything you need to know and plan for Matriculation weekend. Let's start with a summary of Thursday and Friday's events - which are optional but encouraged – followed by a few more details about each event.

[Click Here to see our map of the campus.](#) The numbers below refer to the buildings on the map.

### Thursday and Friday 14-15 August 2025

<b>Thursday 14 August</b>		
Women's Uniform Fitting	0900-1400	Cadet Store ( <a href="#">#31</a> )
<b>Friday 15 August</b>		
Women's Uniform Fitting	0900-1400	Cadet Store ( <a href="#">#31</a> )
Student Success Center (SSC) Open House	0900-1500	SSC Thompson Hall ( <a href="#">#14</a> )
Services for Students with Disabilities - Information Session on Requesting Accommodations and Differences in K-12 disability law and higher education	1300-1400	SSC Thompson Hall ( <a href="#">#14</a> )
1842 Scholars Reception - <i>Invite Only</i>	1300-1430	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) ( <a href="#">#54</a> )
Army ROTC Scholarship Information Session	1300-1500	Buyer Auditorium Mark Clark Hall (MCH <a href="#">#9</a> )
Academic Schools Open House	1400-1600	Business-Bastain Hall Atrium ( <a href="#">#57</a> ) Humanities and Social Sciences - Capers Hall ( <a href="#">#49</a> ) Engineering - Grimsley Hall ( <a href="#">#15</a> ) Math and Science - Duckett Hall Auditorium ( <a href="#">#46</a> ) Education - Bond Hall (295) ( <a href="#">#47</a> )
Incoming Women's Reception	1530-1700	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) ( <a href="#">#54</a> )
Gathering Church Service	1730-1800	Summerall Chapel ( <a href="#">#5</a> )
Religious Activities Open House	1800-1900	Buyer Auditorium MCH ( <a href="#">#9</a> )
Honors Program Dinner - <i>Invite Only</i>	1830-2030	Swain Boating Center ( <a href="#">#24</a> )
Citadel African American Alumni Association Reception - <i>Invite Only</i>	1930-2030	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) ( <a href="#">#54</a> )

## Key events and recommendations for Thursday and Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>:

Administrative Offices, such as Financial Aid, Admissions, and Student Business Services, will be open on Thursday and Friday between 8:30AM and 4PM. Also the Cadet Store ([#31](#)) and the warehouse ([#25](#)) will be open for those last-minute items or to pick up gear shipped to campus.

Here are a few more details about the events on Thursday and Friday:

- **Female Cadets - Uniform Measurement:** Female cadets are **strongly encouraged** to visit the Cadet Store on **Thursday or Friday** (9AM-2PM) to get measured for their uniforms. This is recommended because women's uniform measurements take a little more time to ensure a proper fit that you won't have time to do during the general issuing of uniforms.
- **Student Success Center:** The Student Success Center (SSC) will be open throughout the day to provide information about the services they offer to cadets such as Academic Coaches, a Writing Center and the Math Lab.
- **Disability Services Meeting:** If your child has a disability and you are looking to find out how accommodations work, join Ms. Shannon McKenzie, our Associate Director of Services for Students with Disabilities, for a general information session in the SSC at 1PM.

Note this is an information session only. If your student qualifies for these services, please contact Shannon before Matriculation Day to discuss the various options and make sure your student has the required documentation in place. You can set up a time to meet by contacting her at [disabilityservices@citadel.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@citadel.edu)

- **Army ROTC Scholarship Information Session** – 1PM-3PM - if your son or daughter is receiving a Army Scholarship, then they will want to attend this information session in Buyer Auditorium which is located on the second floor of Mark Clark Hall. They will also speak to those who may not have been awarded a scholarship but are interested in pursuing one while The Citadel.
- **Academic Open Houses** – 2PM-4PM in various locations - Our five schools will hold an open house where you can meet members of the faculty and see where your cadet will be attending classes.
  - Baker School of Business – The Atrium in Bastin Hall
  - Engineering – Lobby of Grimsley Hall
  - Swain School of Math and Science – Auditorium in Duckett Hall
  - Humanities and Social Sciences – Capers Hall
  - Zucker School of Education Bond Hall Room 295
- **Receptions:** There will be several receptions you may be able to attend:
  - **1842 Scholars Reception** – this is an invitation only event in the Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) at 1:30PM for those receiving an 1842 scholarship.
  - **Women's Reception** – this reception is for all women reporting as members of the Class of 2029. Come to the HAC at 3:30PM and meet others reporting with you as well as some of our women leaders.
  - **The Citadel African American Alumni Association (C4A) Reception** – 7:30PM at the HAC - we have an active group of African American Alumni who will welcome our

incoming African American cadets and discuss their mentoring program. An invitation will go out to our incoming African American prior to the 14<sup>th</sup>. If you don't receive one by Tuesday 12 August, email Colonel Robert Pickering at [pickeringr@citadel.edu](mailto:pickeringr@citadel.edu) and let him know you would like to attend.

- **Honors Program Dinner** – 6:30PM-8:30PM in the Swain Boating Center which is located behind McAlister Fieldhouse - the director of our Honors Program will host dinner for those students who will be participating in our Honor Program. He will be sending invitations.
- **"The Gathering" and Campus Ministry Meet-and-Greet:** At 5:30PM in Summerall Chapel, the Chaplain will host "The Gathering" which is a brief church service where the various Campus Ministers will be introduced. This offers a relaxing opportunity for all families to take a break before matriculating the next morning. Following the service, everyone is invited to Buyer Auditorium in Mark Clark Hall to meet with representatives from the different religious programs on campus.

**Important Reminder for Friday Evening:** Please ensure you have a good meal and get to bed early, as Saturday will be an early and potentially emotional day.

### Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>

*Sometimes things happen beyond our control. If your cadet is delayed for some reason, email [admissions@citadel.edu](mailto:admissions@citadel.edu) and call 843-953-5230 to let us know. It will be ok, we just want to know when to expect them to arrive.*

The day has finally arrived when your incoming cadet officially begins their Citadel Career! Take a deep breath, it is going to be OK. *Here is what to expect:*

<b>Saturday 16 August - Matriculation Day</b>		
Class of 2029 Report	0700-0900	Holliday Alumni Center (HAC) ( <a href="#">#54</a> )
Information Fair for Families	0800-1030	McAlister Field House (MFH) ( <a href="#">#21</a> )
Senior Administration Welcome	1045-1130	McAlister Field House (MFH) ( <a href="#">#21</a> )

#### The details:

- 1) The first stop you will make is at the Holliday Alumni Center (aka The HAC - [#54](#)). Because most families arrive early, we form a “serpentine” line in the football stadium parking lots that ends up at the entrance to the HAC. You will join the line by turning off Fishburne Street. [Click Here to find a picture](#) of where to enter the serpentine as well as the HAC (69 Hagood Avenue). Here is the Lat/Long of the entrance into the serpentine to plug into your GPS: [32.792411, - 79.954857](#)
- 2) As you approach the entrance to the HAC, look for members of the Citadel Family Association (CFA). They will have a small bag of information for the parents – not your student.

- 3) Once you get to the entrance of the HAC, your student will need to show a picture ID to the cadet on duty. This cadet will hand your student their Company Assignment and instructions on how to get to their assigned battalion. Remember, we will have plenty of guides to get you to the right battalion – *so this is not something to worry about.*
- 4) Once you get to your assigned Battalion, look for people telling you where to park. When you arrive, you will be mobbed by folks in Blue Shirts – this is the CFA’s Blue Shirt Army! They will greet you and tell you to offload your cadet’s gear on the sidewalk. Once unloaded your cadet will enter the Battalion and check-in while you park your car. It is important to go park so we keep the lanes moving for others to drop off their gear. Don’t worry, your cadet will return to get their gear around the time you return from parking the car.
- 5) Once the car is parked and your cadet has completed their initial check-in, it will be time to carry all their gear up to the third or fourth floor (unless you are assigned to the Band – they are all on the first floor). The good news is members of the Blue Shirt Army will help you get it all in one trip – you can return the favor by helping next year!
- 6) After you move your cadet into their room and you’ve said your goodbyes, come to the Information Fair in McAlister Field House. It starts at 8:00AM and ends at 10:30AM. This is a great opportunity to meet members of our staff and other incoming freshmen parents.
- 7) Ideas for the Fair:
  - a. Come and meet the happiest group on campus – the Citadel Family Association (CFA)! Remember, you will be its newest member!
  - b. Meet the Dean of the School that has the major your student will be pursuing a degree in.
  - c. Drop off letters of encouragement for your cadet with the Post Office – no postage required!
  - d. Explore what Religious Programs are on Campus.
  - e. ROTC Questions? They’ll be there.
  - f. Meet G4! Who’s that??
  - g. Where can cadets Study Abroad?

The list goes on! Many more things to learn about that will help you better advise your cadet.

- 8) The President, Provost, Commandant, and CFA Chair will share their thoughts and welcome that will begin at 10:45AM. We normally finish by 1145.

***When it comes time to take a seat for the President’s remarks, look for the CFA Member holding up the sign with your cadet’s company letter on it. We’d like you to sit together and start building relationships with folks you are going to see over the next four years.***

<b>Monday 18 August - Oath Ceremony</b>		
Class of 2029 Oath Ceremony	1730	Summerall Field ( <a href="#">#4</a> )

**Monday’s Oath Ceremony** – this event will be at 5:30PM on the Parade Field. If you are in the

area, it is a nice event to attend. We do not recommend coming if you are not close by because it is quick and there is not time to interact with your cadet. You can view the ceremony on the live stream of Summerall Field - <https://www.citadel.edu/livestream/>

**Things to consider for the weekend:**

- 1) You know your child better than anyone so make sure you pay attention to their cues. If they want to get there early, then do so. If they tell you at 7:05 they are ready for you to leave their room, then give them a hug and leave. Remember, this day is about them.
- 2) Saturday can be a stressful day, so do what you can to reduce it.
  - If you can come on Friday, take time to find where you enter the serpentine so you don't have to worry about it on Saturday.
  - If you shipped their gear, try and pick it up from the warehouse on Friday (open 9AM-4:30PM).
  - If you want to purchase some Citadel gear from the bookstore, do so on Friday so your student isn't worried about you hanging around on Saturday.
  - Make a plan for Saturday morning that your student is comfortable with. Get a good meal and rest the night before.
- 3) When should you arrive? That's up to your cadet. Most choose to arrive early – some in line before 6AM. Those who get to their rooms early will have more time with their families or more time to prepare. Arriving later means it is a little more hectic moving in the room since there is less time. If you are coming later, we recommend being in line by 8:30 at the latest.
- 4) If your student has any outstanding issues that will prevent them from matriculating, they will be directed to the appropriate location to get the issues resolved. For example, you will have to go to the Infirmary and get cleared by the doctor if you have any outstanding medical issues. Try to take care of these before Saturday.
- 5) If your student is coming by themselves via rideshare (Uber, Lyft, etc.), have them tell the driver 69 Hagood Avenue. They can get dropped off near the HAC entrance and come straight to the front of the line with their gear. We will have cadets with golf carts to take them to their assigned battalion.
- 6) When do you leave your cadet? All parents and families must be out of the barracks by 10AM. The right time to leave is when your child lets you know it's time to go. Remember, this day is about them.
- 7) Remember, your cadet will turn their cell phone in when they initially check-in, and not get them back until a week later, on Sunday night, 24 August around 9PM. Expect a call then.

- 8) Many parents ask what their students should wear, or how they should look on Matriculation morning. Here are some suggestions: arrive clean shaven and in appropriate civilian attire. Jewelry should not be visible. Ladies' hair should be natural in color. Men's hair should not be completely shaved, nor should it be past their shoulders. We recommend having their shirt tucked in whatever they choose to wear. Shorts or long pants are fine.
- 9) Matriculation events typically end by 11:45AM. We recommend that you go ahead and leave campus instead of trying to find your cadet. They will be training and need to stay focused. Your presence also places additional pressure on the cadre who are also getting used to their new role. I have seen cadets see their families after the Information Fair and make the decision to go home with them! So instead of hanging around we recommend going home, or to the hotel, and relax. . . you will have earned it!